
JANUARY 28, 1817.

Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House
on Monday next.

A Bill

Authorizing the opening and working Copper Mines on Lake Superior, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 an exclusive right is hereby granted to Francis Le Barron, of
4 Massachusetts, under the direction of the President of the
5 United States, at his own risk and expense, for the term of
6 sixteen years from the first day of January, Anno Domini
7 one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to open and work
8 any copper mine, or mines, which he may discover on the
9 southern shores of lake Superior, and on the islands thereof,
10 within the limits of the United States : *Provided, That no mea-*
11 *sures shall be taken for the purpose aforesaid until all claims*
12 *of Indians to the mines aforesaid shall have been extinguished*
13 *by the President of the United States.*

1 SEC 2. *And be it further enacted*, That before proceeding to
2 exercise any power by virtue of this act, the aforesaid Le Barron
3 shall give good and sufficient security to the United States, un-
4 der the direction of the President of the United States, that
5 he will deliver at Detroit one tenth part of the copper which he
6 may obtain from said mines, the same to be delivered in pigs,
7 and to such officer of the United States as may be designated;
8 and that he will account to the United States in such manner
9 as the President thereof may direct.